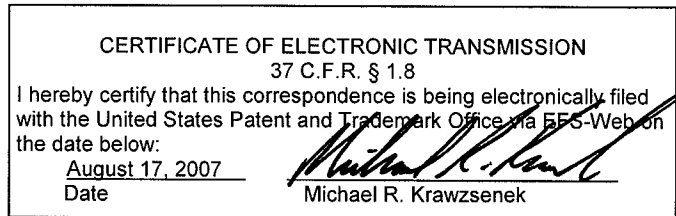


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Title: CASING SYSTEM
Appl. No.: 10/675,548
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SUBMISSION OF AMENDED SECTION V OF APPEAL BRIEF FILED MAY 30, 2007

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Commissioner:

Appellant submits this Amended Section V of the Appeal Brief Filed May 30, 2007. The filing of this paper is in response to a telephone call on August 17, 2007, between Appellant's representative, Michael R. Krawzsenek, and Examiner Phi Dieu Tran A. During the telephone call, Examiner Tran requested Appellant to submit a revised version of Section V of the Appeal Brief filed May 30, 2007 (and not the entire Appeal Brief), in which support for the independent claims are mapped to each individual claim limitation.

Although Appellant believes that Section V of the May 30 Appeal Brief satisfied this request, in an effort to further the appellate review of this case, a revised Section V is provided on the following page. Appellant believes all issues raised in the August 17, 2007, telephone call have been addressed.

V. SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

Independent claim 1 is directed to a casing system that can be used to cover gaps between the framing of structural openings and installed amenities such as doors, windows, and the like in commercial and residential buildings and structures. Non-limiting examples of support for independent claim 1 can be found in the specification at page 4, line 24, to page 5, line 7. The casing system includes a generally flat first casing piece adapted to cover gaps between framing members of structural openings and vertical walls in buildings (*see, e.g., id.* at page 4, lines 29-30), said casing piece having an outer face, an inner face, a pair of linear side edges and a pair of linear end edges (*see, e.g., id.* at page 4, lines 30-31), at least one of said linear side edges and at least one of said linear end edges being provided with a continuous decorative profile (*see, e.g., id.* at page 4, line 31, to page 5, line 1); and a second casing piece also adapted to cover gaps between framing members of structural openings and vertical walls in buildings, said second casing piece having an outer face, an inner face, a pair of linear side edges and a pair of linear end edges (*see, e.g., id.* at page 5, lines 1-3), at least one of said linear end edges being provided with a continuous decorative profile (*see, e.g., id.* at page 5, lines 3-4); whereby said first casing piece is adapted to be joined to said second casing piece by engagement of said continuous decorative profile of said first casing piece with said reverse image of said decorative profile of said second casing piece (*see, e.g., id.* at page 5, lines 4-7).

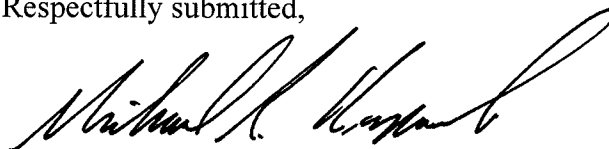
Independent claim 12 is directed to a casing system that is adapted to cover gaps between framing members of structural openings and vertical walls in buildings. Non-limiting examples of support for independent claim 1 can be found in the specification at: page 4, line 24, to page 5, line 7; page 5, line 22, to page 6, line 2. The casing system in claim 12 includes a first casing piece having side and end edges with said continuous decorative profile milled into said side and

end edges (*see, e.g., id.* at page 4, line 30, to page 5, lines 1 and 16-26); a second casing piece having side and end edges with said continuous decorative profile milled into its side edges and a reverse image of said continuous decorative profile milled into its end edges (*see, e.g., id.* at page 5, lines 2-5 and 28-30); whereby the first casing piece is adapted to be joined to the second casing piece by engagement with the continuous decorative profile milled into the edges of the first casing piece with the reverse image of said decorative profile milled into the edges of the second casing piece. (*see, e.g., id.* at page 5, lines 4-7).

Independent claim 15 concerns a kit of parts that can be used to form a casing system adapted to cover gaps between framing members of structural openings and vertical walls in buildings. Non-limiting examples of support for independent claim 1 can be found in the specification at: page 4, line 24, to page 5, line 7; page 6, lines 11-13. The kit includes at least one generally flat first casing piece having an outer face, an inner face, a pair of linear side edges and a pair of linear end edges (*see, e.g., id.* at page 4, lines 29-31), at least one of said linear side edges and at least one of said linear end edges being provided with a continuous decorative profile (*see, e.g., id.* at page 4, line 31, to page 5, line 1); and at least one second casing piece having an outer face, an inner face, a pair of linear side edges and a pair of linear end edges (*see, e.g., id.* at page 5, lines 1-3), at least one of said linear end edges being provided with a reverse image of said decorative profile (*see, e.g., id.* at page 5, lines 3-4); whereby said first casing piece is adapted to be joined to said second casing piece by engagement of said continuous decorative profile of said first casing piece with said reverse image of said decorative profile of said second casing piece (*see, e.g., id.* at page 5, lines 4-7).

It is believed that no fees are due with the filing of this Amended Section V. However, should any fees be due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct any fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/FMDM:002US.

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